

**TOWN OF DAVIE
WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Luis, and Councilmembers Crowley, Hubert and Starkey. Also present were Fire Chief Montopoli, Town Attorney Rayson, and Assistant Town Clerk McDaniel recording the meeting.

Planning and Zoning Manager David Quigley explained that this project was an important part of the implementation of the Regional Activity Center (RAC) and the State Road 7 Master Plan. The study detailed the opportunities and constraints to complete the project and described the steps needed to put the project into the proper planning processes for the Florida Department of Transportation. Mr. Quigley reminded Council that the \$500,000 for the Project Development Environment study would be put into a later budget when the timing was appropriate.

Tom Ruiz, project engineer from 3CTS, explained that the project began at Davie Road and continued to Oaks Road, and included creating an Oaks Road bridge over the Florida Turnpike. He informed Council that the right-of-way and roadway configuration varied in this area, and they had planned on maintaining a typical section through the corridor. This included a 4-lane road section with 8-foot sidewalks and 4-foot bike lanes, consistent with the State Road 7 charrette and the RAC study. The proposed right-of-way varied and Mr. Ruiz explained that they had taken the right-of-way to the north because FPL transmission lines were located to the south. Mr. Ruiz stated that the Turnpike required a barrier on the bridge to prevent objects being thrown onto the roadway. He pointed out that the envelope for the bridge was approximately 2,000 feet, and this would affect the entrances to some adjacent properties.

Mr. Ruiz said that the study provided the Town information regarding the Project Development & Environment requirements, and a document that could be used to lobby the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to put the project on the long-range transportation plan for funding.

Mr. Ruiz stated that the project issues:

- donation of nine acres along the corridor
- right-of-way impacts
- environmental concerns
- FPL transmission lines location
- Oaks Road substation near the Turnpike
- drainage concerns
- traffic
- access management
- intersection standards

Mr. Ruiz reported that the estimated total cost of construction was \$40.8 million, which did not include the right-of-way costs, as it was assumed that the owners would donate the land. He informed Council that the project had already been submitted to the Broward County Planning MPO and was on the Needs Statement waiting for the MPO to determine if it warranted funding.

Councilmember Crowley believed the Town could acquire the rights-of-way they needed except in the area of Everglades Park, which was not slated for redevelopment. He asked if SW 36 Street would be affected. Mr. Ruiz explained that SW 36 Street was a private road. Robert Carballo, Principal in Charge of the project, stated that they were aware that this area was being considered for

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redevelopment and the Town would acquire rights-of-way and incorporate new storm water requirements through the zoning process. Councilmember Crowley believed the propane transfer station relocation would be the biggest obstacle. Mr. Carballo said Florida Gas Transmission had informed them that it would cost \$3 million to move the propane transfer station, and the \$40 million estimate included this.

Mr. Carballo explained to Mayor Truex that there were different requirements for federal or state funds or other funding options could be investigated, but the project must be on the long-range transportation plan to apply for funding. Once the funds were available, he believed the project would take approximately five years. Mr. Carballo explained that some residential sites in Everglades Park would be displaced by the project.

Mr. Carballo confirmed for Mayor Truex that once the project was included in the long-range transportation plan, had gone through the proper studies and was approved, the Town could pursue condemnation if negotiations with a property owner proved unsuccessful.

Mr. Carballo explained to Councilmember Hubert that the need to take the rights-of-way was based on building a four-lane road, but traffic studies would confirm this. Councilmember Hubert was concerned about displacing residents and about the Town's having to pay for their relocation, but Mayor Truex assured her that no one would be kicked out without options. Mr. Ruiz reminded Council that this project was in its infancy and would take years to work through. Mr. Carballo stated that if the project went through, the Uniform Right-of-way Acquisition Act process must be followed, and this would ensure fair appraisals and proper relocation, if need be.

Councilmember Starkey supported the project, but believed it was years away. She asked about lighting the bridge. Mr. Carballo replied that a lighting study would be undertaken later in the design stage.

Mr. Quigley informed Council that the town-wide roadway study made staff aware of rights-of-way the Town needed when parcels came in. Mr. Quigley said this roadway was not on that study, but would be an addition to it.

Mr. Quigley stated that he would meet with Vice-Mayor Luis, as the MPO representative, to explain what needed to be done regarding the County's long-range transportation plan.

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk